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For: **DIFFERENTIATION OF ADIPOSE STROMAL CELLS INTO OSTEOBLASTS AND USES THEREOF**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-styled patent application, which is a continuation patent application of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No.09/554,868, filed on May 19, 2000 on behalf of the inventors Halvorsen et al, please amend the application as shown below and consider the appended remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert on page 1, line 8 --This application is a continuation of US Application No. 09/554,868, filed on May 19, 2000.--